

Forest Pest Management

*Protecting Montana's natural
resources and helping
Montanans achieve forestland
stewardship.*



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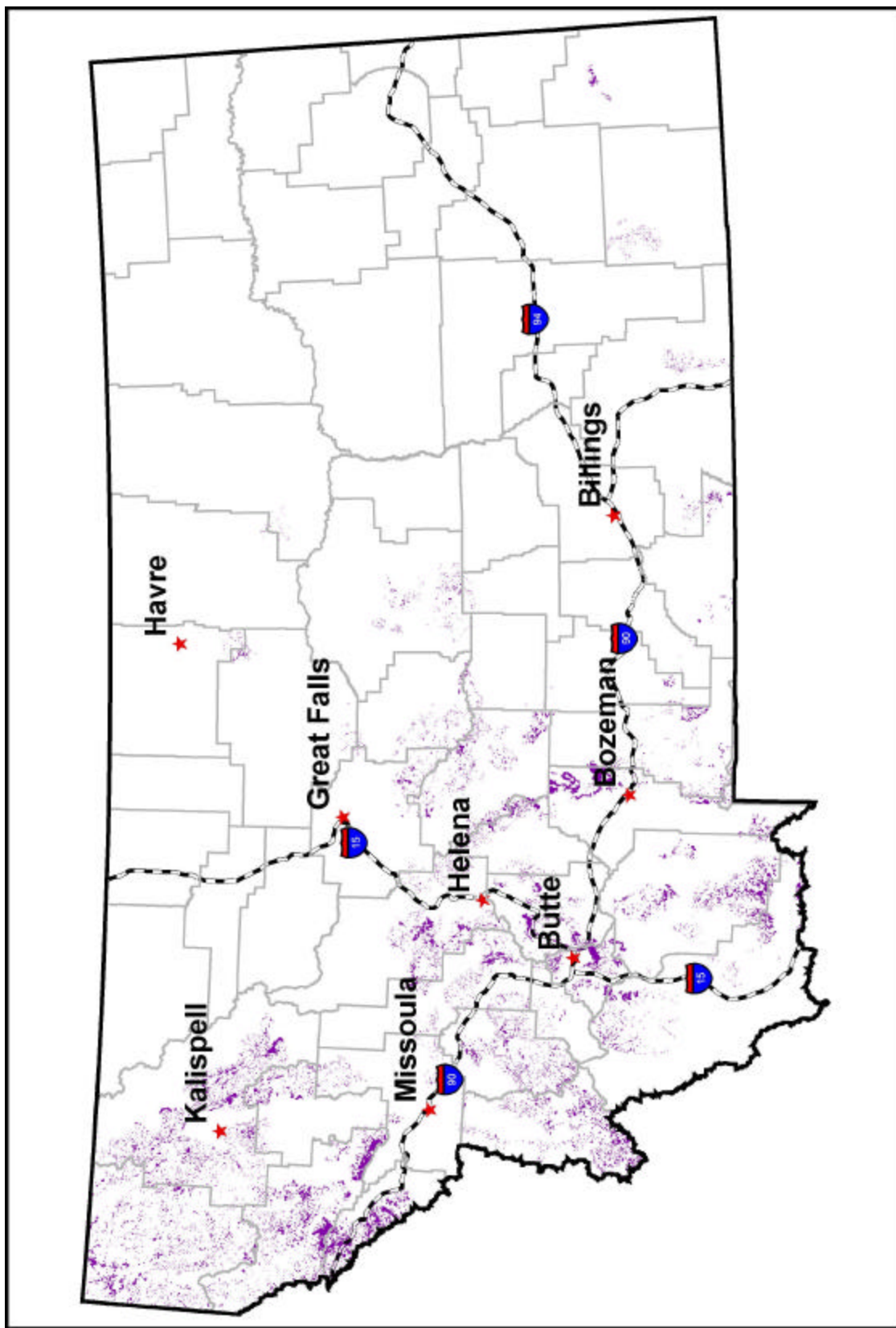
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DNRC's Forest Pest Management Program (FPM) provides technical and information services, pest surveys, and training for the management of damaging insects and diseases on Montana's State and private forests. These include the following services:

- Detection and monitoring of pest populations on State and Private Lands.
- Training natural resource management personnel.
- Publishing insect and disease conditions reports.
- Providing public information about forest insect and disease trends and outbreaks.
- Identifying pest samples submitted by DNRC field offices and the public.
- Evaluating insect and disease outbreaks of biological and economic importance on State and private lands.
- Providing FPM input to the Department's long-term timber sale planning process.
- Performing on-site reviews and written evaluations of the Department's individual forest management projects.
- Coordinating suppression projects.
- Establishing and maintaining quarantines with other agencies.

These activities are done in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service's Northern Region Forest Health Protection Group and the Montana Department of Agriculture. For example, in 2004 we provided technical assistance to 36 private and industrial land managers, trained 47 forest professionals, loggers, and landowners in pest identification and management, and identified 16 pest samples and recommended appropriate treatments. Insect and disease aerial surveyors mapped 815,179 acres of State-owned lands and 6,272,143 acres of private lands in the Stillwater, Thompson, Swan, and Blackfoot river drainages and in the Garnet Mountains. Data from these surveys, combined with ground surveys and trapping programs, indicate a significant infestation by bark beetles, defoliators, and root diseases. DNRC's Forest Pest Management Program is a landowner's first resource in managing these threats to their forested lands.



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- North
- City
- Interstate Highway

Forest Insects and Diseases

- Data furnished by USFS



Forest Insects and Diseases in Montana 2003



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